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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1645

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FOR: BOVINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (BIV) BASED VECTORS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR CONVERSION TO PROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(c)(2)

Sir:

Applicant herewith petitions that the above-identified non-provisional application be converted to a provisional application under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.53(c)(2) and be assigned a provisional application number.

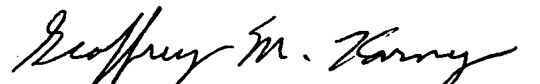
Please charge the required fee of \$50 under 37 CFR §1.17(q) and any additional fees that may be required to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for charging purposes.

This petition is being made prior to the earliest of either the abandonment of the §1.53(b) application, the payment of the Issue Fee, the expiration of 12 months after the filing date of the §1.53(b) application or the filing of a request for a statutory invention registration under §1.293.

Notification of the conversion and of the assignment of a provisional application number to the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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